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Supplemental Information on Project [REDACTED] 25X1A2d2
[REDACTED] Aerial Photography and Mapping)

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- REFERENCES:
- a. Memorandum to SA/PD/DCI from Messrs. [REDACTED], Subject: 25X1A9a
Status of Project [REDACTED] -- Aerial Photography and Mapping in
[REDACTED] dated 7 July 1958
 - b. Top Secret Supplement to Reference a. (TS#71157)

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1. The information in the following paragraphs was extracted from Reports #1 and #2, dated 19 June 1958 and 6 July 1958 respectively, from [REDACTED]. These documents were obtained from the company [REDACTED] Office, and are controlled "CONFIDENTIAL-SECRET".

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2. Report #1

We discussed means of cooperating with the Russian team for exchange of control data and tying our work with theirs. The Russians are proposing a tie along the road which runs due [REDACTED]. We, however, still need the tie on the road to the north. I presume this will be settled in Washington. I feel we should insist on this northern tie. The Russians will bring in horizontal and vertical control from the north.

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The style sheets will be forwarded as soon as arrangements have been worked out with the Russians to insure that they will use the same system as we. I understand they have agreed to using the UTM grid.

Believe you and Olav agreed to the International Spheroid and not the Everest as indicated on our style sheet.

. . . . I inquired whether any mosaics had been delivered for the northern area in order that the quality might be compared. However, no deliveries have yet been made.

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3. Report #2

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Enclosed you will find the new amendment signed by the
[REDACTED]

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You will note no reference is made to location of vertical control as Clay claims the Russians have run considerable levels around [REDACTED] etc., areas. He feels the money could then be spent to run levels from [REDACTED] We will still be able to run APR and photo strips to the northern road for control ties.

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The Russian team have run into a snag and all negotiations have ceased until Dr. Yusuf's return. They apparently will not agree to certain scales, etc. So far they have quoted a price of \$200,000 for 100,000 square kms. including everything. (Funny, exactly \$5.18 per sq. mile.) Haven't been able to find out just what they propose to deliver for this amount.

Did you receive my cable about using the International Spheroid? Guess we are stuck with this as they maintain it had been very definitely decided that we would use the International and not the Everest Spheroid.

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4. Mr. Kendall of the Office of Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army, is [REDACTED] with a team of three Army Map Service technicians [REDACTED] to discuss with [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] and Russians, many of the problems referred to above. Messrs. Kendall (OSE) and Wilkerson (AMS) were briefed by GSA personnel prior to their departure. (A copy of the Memorandum of Conversation, dated 10 July 1958, is enclosed.)

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5. The reference in Ringers' Report #2 to the quotation of a price for "100,000 square kilometers, including everything" is at variance with previous reports (see Reference b.) stating that the Russians had agreed to do topographic surveys of 43,000 square kilometers. It is possible that the Russians have already (or plan to) enlarge this area to forestall the possibility of the United States photographing or mapping any of the northern section of the country. It is also possible that the [REDACTED] are utilizing the competitive nature of the US-USSR relationship to insure complete and comprehensive coverage of their country.

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[REDACTED] during the initial phases of the project over
a year ago.

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9. We see no objection to discussion of any of the above, excluding
paragraphs 6, 7, and 8, with the [REDACTED]
who is either the [REDACTED] or who must certainly be
cognizant of the contact. Incidentally, the company has been most
cooperative with [REDACTED], as evidenced by the
transmission of these reports.

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Enclosure:

Memorandum for the Record, 10 July 1958

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